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Representing the best interests of all the people of Otero County
Respecting All; Fearing None



For President
WOODROW WILSON
For Vice-President
THOMAS R. MARSHALL

NO CRITICISM WITHOUT FACTS

It is necessary for THE NEWS to suspend temporarily the publication of editorials dealing with the work of the board of county commissioners. This delay is necessary in order to get the detailed facts from the records.

In all of the editorial comment which has been made up to this time, only the facts have been used. We have refrained from the distorting of facts which is possible through the use of half-truths, nor have we resorted to insinuation and innuendo. The statements that have been made were direct charges, and were supported by the records. If the statements had not been supported by the facts, suits for libel would have been filed against THE NEWS.

It is not always possible to get the complete history of a transaction from a single entry in the records. Sometimes transactions appear separate and distinct, wholly unrelated, when in reality they dove-tail one into another, but a great deal of work is required to compile the facts to prove the case. Accounts have to be examined carefully, checked and verified, in order to avoid mistakes.

When THE NEWS begins its comments upon public matters again, it will present the facts, and only the facts, but the story told will be so plain that everybody can understand.

Since an arrest has been made in connection with the fire which destroyed a residence early Tuesday morning, rumors have been flying thick and fast. It is easy to start rumors which are based upon suspicion, but it is not easy to stop the rumors, nor to counteract their evil effects. The public ought to leave the case alone until the facts have been presented for consideration.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt certainly made a hit when he adopted the commandment "Thou shalt not steal" as a slogan or catch phrase for the new progressive party. The only reasonable criticism that can be offered is that he failed to add the two words which would have revealed what he really meant. Which is, being interpreted: "Thou shalt not steal from me."

The El Paso Herald of last Thursday contained an excellent article by Chas. P. Downs. The article recounted the history of Alamogordo and described the important development work which is being carried forward in this vicinity. Altogether it was the best article descriptive of Alamogordo that we have read for quite a long while.

It appears odd that the Governor should put the ban on prize fights at this time, when no big fights are in prospect. He declared that he was powerless to prevent the big fight at Las Vegas, which was a disgrace to New Mexico, yet he had then the same laws which are in effect now. Is His Excellency engaging in a little game of bluff?

Albert J. Beveridge "key-noted" with success in the Chicago convention this week. New Mexicans will recall that when Mister Beveridge was Senator Beveridge he did not make much of a hit with his "key-noting" against the admission of New Mexico as a state. How the times do change!

The editor of THE NEWS almost had a fit Monday when he received an offer of 1,000 inches of advertising from a Chicago firm, the price being set at the extremely modest figure of four cents per inch. Two hundred lines of free reading matter was to be "thrown in." The editor returned the offer, marked "opened by mistake," and referred the would-be advertiser to a local charitable association.

The delegates in the national convention of the progressive party at Chicago gave Colonel Theodore Roosevelt a demonstration lasting fifty-seven minutes. They were pikers, or they would have made it even an hour.

THE OTHER FELLOW SAYS

The caller's eye had caught the photograph of Tommy Billups, standing on the desk of Mr. Billups, says Lippincott's.

"That your boy, Billups?" he asked.

"Yes," said Billups, "he's a sophomore up at Blankton college."

"Looks intellectual rather than athletic," said the caller.

"Oh, he's an athlete all right," said Billups. "When it comes to running up accounts and jumping his board bill, and lifting his voice, and throwing a 32-pound bluff, there isn't a gladiator in creation that can give my boy Tommy any kind of a handicap. He's just written for an extra check."

"And as a proud father you are sending it, I don't doubt," smiled the caller.

"Yes," grinned Billups; "I am sending him a rain check I got at the ball game yesterday. As an athlete he'll appreciate its value.—Exchange.

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They were motoring indolently through the Bronx. Twilight had sat down upon the land. The sudden roaring of wild beasts from the distant zoo caused the fair one to start.

"Oh, Jack!" she cried, nestling closer and closer: "where would you go if you saw a dozen lions bounding along after us?"

"If I saw a dozen lions bounding along after me," grinned the heartless wretch. "I'd go to a sanitarium."—Judge.

The Albany Journal, owned by William Barnes, Jr., informs us that "the average statesman who compares himself with Abe Lincoln, couldn't split anything out an infinitive." Nevertheless, it will be noticed that one of them has split the republican party.—Albuquerque Journal.

Colonel Watterson says before the campaign is half over, Wilson and Bryan will be at each other's throats. It may be so, but some of Marse Henry's friends ought to advise him to take another mint julep. Then he might feel better.—Albuquerque Journal.

A Chicago banker was dictating a letter to his stenographer. "Tell Mr. Soandso," he ordered, "that I will meet him in Schenectady."

"How do you spell Schenectady?" asked the stenographer. "Se—, S—e—e—er—tell him I'll meet him in Albany."—Graphic.

Farmer—"Here's a letter from city folks answerin' our ad., Mirandy. They want to know if there's a bath in the house. What'll I tell 'em?"

His Wife—"Tell 'em the truth. Tell 'em if they need a bath, they'd better take it before they come."—Exchange.

"Isn't that fellow ever going to propose?"

"I guess not. He's like an hour-glass."

"How's that?"

"The more time he gets, the less sand he has."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

"Is there any exception to the great rule that like produces like?"

"Certainly."

"Name one."

"Don't you get hard cash from a soft thing?"—Exchange.

Shall joint debate during the coming presidential contest be limited in this state to ten rounds? Respectfully referred to the chief of New Mexico mounted police.—Albuquerque Journal.

"My son, you must be given a check in this wild career of yours."

"Suits me, all right, dad. Make it for a couple of hundred."—Baltimore American.

Church Notices

Baptist Church.

Regular services 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday at the First Baptist church.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Prayer service every Wednesday 8:00 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services.—Strangers are specially invited.

Wm. COOKSEY,
Pastor.

Christian Church

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Communion and preaching at 11:00 and 7:30 each Sunday. All are cordially invited.

J. A. BROWN,
Pastor.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. You are invited to come again and bring your friends.

J. A. ARMSTRONG,
Pastor.

M. E. Church, South.

Preaching every Sunday Morning and Evening at the usual hours.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Senior and Junior Leagues, Sunday Afternoon at 3:00 and 4:00.

Prayer Service every Wednesday evening.

You are invited to attend any or all of these services.

Geo. H. GIVAN, Pastor.

Grace Methodist Episcopal

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Service 11:00 a. m. Evening Service 7:30 p. m. Mid-week Prayer

Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

If you have no regular place of worship you will find a welcome here.

Ed. LeBreton, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church Services

Respective eleven a. m. and eight p. m. sermons are, "Testimonies of the Ungodly to the Righteous," and "Christ Multiplying Our Usefulness." We are covering the entire words and works of our Savior in chronological order. All worshipping with us please bring your Bibles for responsive reading at both our services.

J. A. ARMSTRONG.

Financial Statement

Of the U. S. branch of the Atlas Assurance Co. Ltd. of London, England. As of December 31st., 1911.

Gross assets.....\$2,739,845.96
Gross Liabilities.....1,723,413.78
Surplus.....806,170.79
S. M. PARKER & SON Agts.

South Methodist Services

The regular services will be held Sunday morning, but on account of the revival at the Christian church there will be no services Sunday evening.

Announcement

Marshall W. Parker wishes to announce to the public that he will continue the business of his father at the same old stand, and solicits your patronage which will be appreciated and receive his prompt attention.

For Sale

A fine Jersey cow with 10 day old heifer calf, for sale. Best of Jersey stock and only two and half years old. Three gallons milk daily. \$75.00.

J. S. Folsom.

For Exchange

160 acres, agricultural, fenced, proven water-belt, worth \$2000. Would exchange for close-in property equal value in Alamogordo. Write Mrs. Olive Keenum, Columbus, N. M.

Mrs. A. P. Jackson spent Tuesday at Chudraft.

Tinning : Plumbing



Let us do your tinning work. If we do the job it will last; for we GUARANTEE OUR WORK. We put up gutters, galvanized iron or tin rain proofs or chimney extensions. We make galvanized iron water tanks to order—any size.

The best of work at lowest prices.

Call Phone 66

SCIPIO, THE HARDWARE MAN

We Wash Everything

But the Baby

Leaving that to its mother to do; but we do wash and return spotlessly clean your family washing.

ELITE LAUNDRY

EL PASO, TEXAS

Alamogordo Agency at
Ed. Martin's Barber Shop

This Ad written by Mrs. F. O. Hage, was awarded a prize in the El Paso Herald's Ad Writing Contest

A. J. BUCK UNDERTAKER

OFFICE PHONE
NO. 4
RESIDENCE
PHONE
NO. 96

...ROUSSEAU'S REPAIR SHOP...

Experts in Building and Repairing

Electrical Wiring Done

Electric Fixtures and Supplies

Stalcup Building, New York Ave.

Phone 58

Hotel Southwestern European

Rooms are Cool and Comfortable. Dining Room and Cafe Service Unsurpassed.

J. C. JONES, Prop.
Opposite The Park

The Question Answered

Mother—"What shall we have for dinner?"
Daughter—"Get some of those delicious things Mrs. Murphrey bakes. You can get anything from a loaf of bread to a cookie, and mother, she makes her pies out of fruit from her own orchard. Gee! but they're good, and so much cheaper than we can make. I'm going down and get some before they are all gone."

Mrs. T. A. MURPHREY